

A meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee was held on Friday, February 24, 2012 at 9:05 a.m. in the CCRI board room in Warwick.

- Present: ASAC: Antonio Barajas; Tom Rockett; Jane Sherman; Jay Walsh (Chair)
URI: Donald DeHayes, provost; Laura Beauvais, vice provost for faculty affairs
RIC: Robin Auld, Associate Professor of Health and Physical Education; Ron Pitt, vice president for academic affairs; Betty Rauhe, Chair of the Department of Health and Physical Education; Holly Shadoian, assistant vice president for enrollment management
CCRI: Peter Woodberry, dean of business, science and technology
RIOHE: Deborah Grossman-Garber
Guests: Renee Jourdenais, Dean of the Graduate School of Translation, Interpretation and Language Education, Middlebury College (via SKYPE); Patricia Szasz, Director of Intensive English Programs, Middlebury College (via SKYPE)
- Absent: Joan Abrams; Ray Di Pasquale, Deanna Velletri

1. Approval of Minutes of the meeting of December 19, 2011

**ON A MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, IT WAS VOTED –
THAT the Academic and Student Affairs Committee approves the minutes of the meeting of
December 19, 2011.**

VOTE: 4 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
YEAS: Barajas, Rockett, Sherman, Walsh
NEAS: 0

2. Chair's Report

Chair Jay Walsh welcomed committee members and gave an overview of the agenda. He briefly updated members about the board's recent retreat. He also urged the three institutions to be thoughtful about observing reasonable timelines when seeking Board approval for new programs. He asserted that the Office of Higher Education, other institutions, ASAC, and the Board all need adequate time to accomplish the necessary research and deliberation involved with the program approval process.

3. Commissioner's Report

There was no commissioner's report.

4. Approval of a Proposal for the Adoption of a Formal Student Complaint Procedure

General Counsel Ron Cavallaro discussed a proposed student complaint procedure that he has drafted for board discussion and approval in response to the U.S. Department of Education Final Rules Published October 29, 2010, regarding program integrity issues (requirements of 34CFR 600.9 et. al.) The specific types of complaints covered by these regulations are:

- Allegations of state consumer protection violations, including, but not limited to fraud and false advertising;
- Allegations that state laws or rules addressing the licensure of postsecondary institutions have been violated; and
- Allegations regarding the quality of education or other accreditation requirements.

Robust discussion ensued, centered on three themes:

- a. The new procedures need to be written and publicized in such a way that students will comprehend when, to whom, and how to make valid complaints; (Jane Sherman, Don DeHayes, Ron Pitt, John Walsh)
- b. What is OHE's role in student complaints and should the Board be made aware of all the complaints that are filed against higher educational programs?; (John Walsh, Tom Rockett)
- c. This opens an opportunity to revisit the proprietary school regulations (Jane Sherman)

ON A MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, IT WAS VOTED:

THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the proposed Student Complaint Procedure; and

THAT the Board request the institutions to provide notification to their student bodies regarding the Board's adoption of this procedure.

VOTE: 4 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
YEAS: Barajas, Rockett, Sherman, Walsh
NEAS: 0

5. **Notice of Name Change at the University of Rhode Island from the "African and African American Studies" program and B.A. degree to the "Africana Studies" program and B.A. degree**
6. **Notice of a Name Change at the University of Rhode Island from the "Women's Studies" program, B.A. degree and minor, to the "Gender and Women's Studies" program, B.A. degree and minor**

Provost Don De Hayes of URI addressed agenda items five and six together. He said that the name changes in both programs reflect the Board's challenge in 2008 to strengthen low-completion programs. Both programs were flagged for low-completion rates and ultimately given a conditional approval to continue operating with the proviso that both must grow in numbers and in programming. Provost DeHayes said that both programs took the directive very seriously, and he applauds the faculty for its hard work. Provost De Hayes concluded by saying that these two notices of change represent small but very important steps toward URI's larger academic agenda.

As these items were informational only, no vote was taken.

7. **Notice of a New Program Minor in "Coaching" at Rhode Island College**

Vice President Ron Pitt of RIC introduced Robin Auld, Associate Professor of Health and Physical Education, and Betty Rauhe, Chair of the Department of Health and Physical Education who will be responsible for the new minor. Dr. Auld said that the new minor is intended to draw majors from throughout the institution, not only physical education, who have an interest in coaching youth and

interscholastic sports. Dr. Auld also mentioned that courses in the minor will subscribe to NASPE standards. For this reason, both RIDE and the Interscholastic League have indicated their willingness to utilize the minor as a means for initial certification for coaching.

Governors Rockett and Walsh both endorsed the need and concept for such a minor in the Rhode Island community.

As this item was informational only, no vote was taken.

8. Approval of a Proposal from Middlebury College to Offer College Level Courses in Rhode Island

Middlebury College, in conjunction with the Monterey Institute of International Studies, a graduate School of Middlebury College, is seeking to offer intensive, summer, five-week, college-level, English-language courses on the grounds of Salve Regina University for international students who are either already studying at an American post-secondary institution or who are ready to matriculate into a post-secondary institution in the United States.

Through the assistance of Skype technology, the committee interviewed Dr. Renee Jourdenais, Dean of the Graduate School of Translation, Interpretation and Language Education and Dr. Patricia Szasz, Director of Intensive English Programs at the Monterey Institute for International Studies, a graduate school of Middlebury College, located in Monterey California. The Monterey Institute is interested in establishing an east coast presence to expand its expertise in foreign language training to a larger audience. A native of Coventry, Dr. Jourdenais, is familiar with Newport and Salve Regina University. Salve Regina University is interested in globalizing its student body and was therefore interested in hosting the summer language courses, in the hopes of recruiting some of the students into its own institution. The VPAs from RIC, URI, and CCRI each stated that there is a real need for such language instruction in the state, and that they would welcome the program and hope to recruit some of the students to stay in Rhode Island at the public institutions.

The committee clarified whether Middlebury was seeking approval for only one year or for multiple years. At present Middlebury has executed an agreement with Salve for 2012, 2013, and 2014. For this reason, Governor Rockett recommended that they request permission from the Board to operate over three summers. Jourdenais and Szasz concurred. As such, the motion was amended to incorporate the period of time.

ON A MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, IT WAS VOTED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO READ:

THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education grant approval for Middlebury College to offer a five-week intensive summer English program in 2012, 2013, and 2014 for current and matriculating international college students, to be located on the grounds of Salve Regina University.

VOTE: 4 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
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9. Other Matters

There were no other matters discussed.

10. Adjournment

The MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:30 A.M.

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